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TAX EXPERTS FIND BEST LAND HERE

The final land appraisal meeting for the Niles district, was held in the courtroom of Judge Silva Tuesday evening. While the attendance was not large, those present evidenced a keen interest in the reappraisal schedules now being worked out throughout Alameda county. Mr. W. E. Speers, of the reappraisal staff, had charge of the meeting and explained the basis for valuation.

The reappraisal work is being done by a corps of experts, at a cost of approximately \$200,000.00 for the entire county. Under the old plan the total appraisal values for Alameda county amounted to about \$583,000,000 but the reappraisal system will bring the total up to a billion dollars. A large part of this increase is due to the fact that many business locations in the cities of the county have been assessed at only ten or fifteen per cent of their actual value in the last few years. This has been rectified by the reappraisal board and will mean that eventually, either the rate of taxation or the percentage of assessment valuation can be reduced. This should especially benefit the ranch land owners who have been carrying too large a percentage of the tax burden and a larger portion will be paid by those owning property in the large centers of population.

From a soil map, Mr. Speers pointed out a strip of Yolo silt land which is considered some of the best land in Alameda county. This land extends from Niles along the highway to the vicinity of the Mosher and Hunt ranch. It varies in width, but extends in the direction of the vicinity of Centerville as far as the vicinity of the Fortaño place, on the Niles-Centerville road. Under the present systematic survey of values, this best land is appraised at \$600 per acre. No account of the value of any trees, orchards, crops, or buildings is included in this flat rate. On land fronting on the Niles Mission highway an additional \$200 per acre is added to each acre bordering on the highway. The best quality and condition orchards are appraised as improvements and added to the valuation of the land as follows: Apples, \$100 per acre; prunes, \$100; walnuts, \$400 and cherries, \$300 per acre. A young orchard is appraised at fractional valuation depending upon the age. Only orchards or permanent improvements are appraised in this manner. Such crops as strawberries, vegetables, etc. are not considered as having appraisal value. Land will be assessed at about 50 per cent of its appraisal value.

MANY ATTEND INSTALLATION

About eighty Oddfellows, members of the Niles, Alvarado, Pleasanton and Livermore lodges, attended the joint installation of officers for the Niles and Alvarado lodges, held in Niles Monday evening. Mr. Peterson of Livermore as installing officer, installed the following for Alvarado lodge: Noble Grand, Mr. Morrison; Vice Grand, Mr. Hunter, Sec'y R. Haines; Warden, E. Richmond; and for Niles: Noble Grand, Gus Swanson; Vice Grand, C. S. Studebaker; Sec'y, P. A. Ellis, Warden, Hans Swanson.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Reed, township health nurse, and Miss Jack of the Niles Grammar school have rented a cottage at B. Ivor Hotel and plan to move there February 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel and family drove to Hot Springs Sunday to visit Mr. Bendel's mother who is spending a few weeks there.

Antrim Bunting of San Jose entertained the following at a stag dinner, Wednesday evening: R. C. Blacow of Centerville, M. C. Wilder and L. Duffey of Niles; F. C. Drew of Sunnyvale, Mr. Carrithers of Mission and N. B. Catterlin of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ellis of Niles and Mr. and Mrs. Lannes Sharnan of Centerville drove to Stockton and attended the wedding of Mrs. Ellis' cousin of that place Saturday evening Sunday they drove to Sacramento returning home that evening.

The C. F. Foster family and Mrs. Huntley will move from Niles to Centerville February 1st. They have rented the house just west of Mr. Foster's service station in Centerville.

Mrs. J. Oliver's brother, Gabriel Brown of Oakland, who had been critically ill at a San Francisco hospital for several months, died Sunday, Jan. 15. The Oliver's attended the funeral services which were held Wednesday. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery of Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McPherson drove to San Francisco Friday. The latter's sister, Mrs. Colbert, who recently sustained an injury to her ankle returned to Niles with them and will remain here for a weeks rest and recuperation.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PLANS MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION

Wednesday morning the Niles library association held its first meeting on the mezzanine floor of the new library building. In the absence of Pres. Shinn, Mrs. J. E. Thane presided. Plans were made for a public meeting to be held next Wednesday evening, at which time the association will be reorganized. The public is invited to this meeting and everyone interested in the new library will be invited to become a member of the association. The dues for the association are \$3.00.

KENNEDY ADDRESSES CLUB

About fifty men attended an especially interesting meeting of the Centerville Service Club this noon and listened to a fine address by County Assessor, L. Kennedy.

WASHINGTON UNION NOTES

Traffic officer G. S. Richards will accompany the music students on their trip to Oakland Friday, January 27th. Because of the large number planning to make the trip a number of cars will be required and because of the heavy traffic, Officer Richards has promised his services.

Students whose grades last semester made them eligible for membership in the Scholarship Society are as follows:

Agatha Willis, Isurue Sakaki, Henrietta Flores, Arlene Olivera, Ida Soueira, Milton Munger, Lola Luna, Mitsuye Kawaguchi, Sumi Nakashima.

Warren Robinson has been transferred to Los Angeles and Jovanna Scacchi to Oakland recently.

Tuesday the students were photographed in groups for the purpose of making pictures for the annual.

The Seniors are reading several plays in order to select one for the Senior play.

The boys and girls glee clubs are practicing on the Operetta "Sailor Maids" to be given toward the close of the school year.

COMPOSITION CHOSEN AS BEST

Theo Elliot's composition, which was chosen as the best one written by Niles Grammar school pupils, and was placed in the strong box in the corner stone of the new library, is quoted below. Miss Theo is a member of Mr. Bristow's 8th grade English class.

OUR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The erection of our library began about the first of September and was dedicated January 14th, 1928. The library was given to the town, as a memorial from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Ford of Niles. The library is of reinforced concrete and is of the Spanish type. It has beautiful fresco work around the top. The shrubs that were set around the front and side add to the beauty of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are furnishing the library and putting in every convenience that could possibly be had. There is a great fireplace and the janitor will be able to heat the library and it will also be easier to keep clean. The library is more fireproof than any other wooden library. When you go through the great oak doors you think you are walking into a story book and you really are, because you are going into a wonderful room where you may get any sort of book you want.

A library is a better donation to a town than a church or something of that sort, because only one denomination would be able to use a church and a library can be used by anyone, from children up to old people.

The library is a great help to the people who belong to different clubs because it has a special room where they may meet. It is sometimes not convenient to have a large group of people call at your house.

The people who work in the library should be proud to work in such a splendid building and the town should be and is proud of the Jane R. Clough Memorial Library.

—Theo Elliot

TRIBUTE TO WM. H. FORD

The following is a reprint of a tribute to Wm. H. Ford, which was adopted by the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 382 of Niles and was one of the documents placed in the corner stone of the library.

Headed by the seal of the lodge the document read as follows:

This is the seal of Niles Lodge 382 I. O. O. F. made in representation of the Old Valley Mill. It was designated by our Past Grand

WM. H. FORD

who was one of the prime factors in the establishment of this lodge and was its first presiding officer "Noble Grand" at its institution March 7, 1893. He also served with distinction as their first District Deputy Grand Master and built the Hall now owned by the Lodge, turning it over to them at cost. These, and many other valuable services rendered by him have earned for him the endearing term of "Father of the Lodge." This is given by our members in deep appreciation of his good work for our cause.

Walter Walker, P. A. Ellis, Noble Grand, Secy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan. 19, Farm Home meeting at the Niles school, 2:30 P. M.
Jan. 19, Niles Y. L. I. O. O. F. Hall.
Jan. 19, St. James Men's Club cardparty.
Jan. 20 C. E. Party, Niles Congregational Church
Jan. 20, Niles Rebekah Installation of officers.
Jan. 21 Irvington church food sale Chamber of Commerce rooms
Jan. 24. H. S. Benefit Play by the Oriole Dramatic Club at H. S.
Jan. 24th. American Legion "Army Style" Dinner. I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles.
Jan. 25, Niles Library Ass'n Public meeting, Library 7:30 P. M.
Jan. 25 St. James Guild, Memorial Hall
Jan. 27, Niles Congregational church family dinner, 6:30
Jan. 30. Toyon branch hospital association. Mrs. Geo. Donovan, Niles.
Jan. 31. Niles C. of C. Luncheon, Niles Grammar School.
Feb. 9, Martha Washington Circle East Bay Girls, Mrs. G. Bonde, Niles
February 13, S. P. R. S. I. Whist party, I. O. O. F. Hall, Irvington
Feb. 15 Maccabees Whist party

OLD TIMERS AND BUSINESS HEADS HERE

Among those who attended the dedication services Saturday were a great many old time residents and the children of early pioneers. Although it is impossible to give a complete list of these, or of the distinguished guests present, the following is a partial list of the out-of-town attendants: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. A. Miller Mr. Whitman Symmes, Mr. Frank Shaughnessy, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Patrick, all of San Francisco; Mrs. C. E. Cotton, Mrs. Chas. Dunsmore, Mrs. Noah Adams and daughter, all of Oakland; Mr. W. W. Brier, Dr. Leonard Bernard and Mrs. Niles Jacobus of Berkeley, Mrs. Kientz and sister of Broadmoor, who came instead of their mother, Mrs. Anna Baldwin, who was ill. Edson D. Hale of Martinez, and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sneden of Oakland, Mr. Sneden having been a former chairman of the library board.

The Southern Pacific railroad, which formerly donated a building for library purposes, and has been identified with Niles affairs for years, was represented although Pres. Sprout was out of the State and unable to be here. The following men represented the company: Garnet King, asst. traffic mgr.; L. Richardson, asst. gen'l. passenger agent; B. A. Campbell, asst. supt.; L. E. Hunter, district passenger agt.; U. S. Burnham, trainmaster; Harvey Braun, agent; Geo. G. Barney, secretary dist. passenger agent; Wm. F. Hively, trainmasters clerk.

The P. G. and E. Company was represented by L. H. Newbert, the division manager of the Oakland branch and by local manager, Geo. L. Donovan.

SCOUTMASTERS WILL MEET

Tuesday evening the Scoutmasters and committeemen of Washington Township will have their regular monthly dinner at the Heller restaurant at six-thirty.

NILES CAMPFIRE GIRLS

The Talahai Campfire girls met at the home of their guardian, Mrs. J. E. Townsend Friday evening. The girls have started a study of Indian lore and literature and will especially study Indian history and souvenirs of this vicinity. At this meeting several Indian stories were discussed and the study of Indian lore was started.

Mrs. Clara Martenstein entertained the Martha Washington Circle of East Bay girls last Thursday afternoon. There were four tables of bridge. Mrs. C. E. Martenstein winning the prize for high score and Mrs. McGowan for low. Cakes and coffee were served at the conclusion of the pleasant afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Bonde on February 9.

HISTORIC JAIL TORN DOWN

The first of this week the old jail on the Vandervoort place was torn down. No one seems to remember who built it some forty years ago, but it was originally located at Centerville. When James Smith was constable it was moved to Irvington by the aid of a steam tractor and sleds. S. R. Vandervoort later became constable, retaining the office for 16 years. For some time the jail remained on the Smith property. One night Vandervoort put eight prisoners in the jail and they made such an uproar that Smith was afraid to feed them, so they had to go without food until they quieted down.

BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County was held at Alvarado, January 14th, 1928. The bank at Alvarado, together with its branches at Irvington and Niles, has enjoyed a very prosperous year; the assets of the bank on December 31st, 1927, having reached the Three Million Dollar mark, an increase of \$398,000 during the past year.

This shows a very substantial growth and reflects great credit on the management, as well as, a prosperous condition generally in this community.

The following Directors were elected to serve during the coming year: August May, J. R. Blacow, F. B. Granger, H. H. Patterson, E. H. Hirsch, A. A. Oliver and J. A. Silva.

The directors elected the following officers: August May, President; J. R. Blacow, Cashier; C. M. Christensen, Assistant Cashier.

SERVED BY P. T. A. C. OF C. WILL BE

The Niles P. T. A. is planning to serve a luncheon to the Niles Chamber of Commerce on January 31st. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used to carry on the worthwhile work of the P. T. A.

HOSPITAL GROUP MAKES FINE RECORD IN 1927

The annual meeting of the Toyon branch of the Oakland baby hospital association was held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Bunting at San Jose Monday. Seventeen of the twenty-five members enjoyed the luncheon service on the grounds of the Bunting home at noon. A summary of the year's work was given as follows: the branch exceeded its quota of \$340, raising \$417 for the hospital; its members also made several hundred baby garments to be used in the institution. It was announced that the new hospital building at Oakland will be dedicated February 1st. The next meeting of the association will be held January 30th, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Donovan of Niles.

LADIES HEAR TALKS AND PLAN DINNER

About twenty ladies attended the meeting of the Niles Congregational Women's guild held at the church Wednesday. Miss Martha Sanford's enthusiastic report of the Annual meeting of the Congregational Women's Guild, which she attended at Oakland last week, as a delegate, was an interesting feature of the meeting. Mrs. J. E. Townsend and Mrs. A. A. Hatch, who also attended as delegates added interesting details. The president, Mrs. Hatch, appointed the following committees to make arrangements for the church family night dinner which will be held Friday evening, January 27. Mrs. E. B. Hodges and Mrs. C. E. Martenstein, dinner committee; and Mrs. Seebart and Mrs. Townsend program committee. The menu for the dinner will be: Meat loaf, vegetable salad, hot rolls, coffee, peach upside down cake. Following the formal meeting, Mrs. J. E. Thane gave a short historical sketch of the history of the Niles library.

The hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. L. Payne and Mrs. E. M. Hudson served dainty refreshments of toast, tea and cookies. Mrs. Roland and Mrs. Cull will be hostesses at the next meeting to be held February 1.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLANNED BY C. OF C.

The appointment of a membership committee for the coming year, a program committee for the Grammar school meeting January 31st, and an endorsement of the California Pottery Company's expansion program in connection with its Niles Canyon property, were the high lights at the Niles C. of C. meeting Tuesday at the Florence restaurant. The membership committee is headed by V. F. Jones and includes R. K. Wilson, J. E. Townsend, H. B. Rathbun and Geo. L. Donovan. The program committee is; Geo. L. Donovan, Dr. Chas. Law and Geo. Bonde.

GAS COMPANY WAITS FOR R. R. COMMISSION ORDERS

"When will gas be brought in?" is a frequent question these days. The answer seems to depend largely upon the State Railway Commission. Those who should know, say that the P. G. and E. Co. is awaiting the O. K. of the Commission and that when that comes, work will be started very soon and completed within ninety days from that time.

LIBRARY ADDS RESPONSIBILITY

Sunday morning Rev. A. W. Seebart of the Niles Congregational church delivered a sermon on the Jane R. Clough Memorial Library, which gave his hearers much food for thought. Stressing the fact that this library was donated and dedicated for the purpose of promoting truth beauty, goodness wisdom and right character development in the community, he said that seventy-five per cent of the modern books of fiction and magazines would not promote these ideals. With this fine, new, comfortable building, he said that the library will be used more and become an increasing factor in the development of Hickmans or Lindbergs. He urged that the library board and all responsible for selection of reading materials be particularly careful that only good books and periodicals be chosen and that the risque, the shoddy, the flippant, the shocking and the inferior be eliminated from the shelves as unworthy of the high ideals to which this library was dedicated.

Passing from the selection of books, he discussed the responsibility of the librarian, saying her first duty was not the cataloging of books but the development of character, especially among the younger library patrons. He emphasized her opportunity to be of as much or more service than a public school or Sunday school teacher by taking an interest in directing the children's reading and suggesting the right books.

In closing the minister said, "From facts I have gathered about the one in whose memory this building has been erected and dedicated, I am sure that these things of which I have spoken, would be nearest her heart and I now call upon you all to make this library a real memorial to her beautiful Christian life by the realization of these highest human and divine ideals."

MACABEES INITIATE TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two new members, Mrs. E. E. Dias and Miss Betty Houghton were initiated into the order of Macabees at their regular meeting held in Niles Wednesday evening. Plans were also made for a Whist party which will be held February 15 and for a benefit St. Patrick's Day dance which will be held in Niles Mar. 17. Dainty refreshments were served during the social hour that followed the business meeting.

Construction work on the buildings, which will house the machinery in the Niles Corporation yard, is progressing nicely. The framework of the smaller building is finished and painted and work on the frame of the larger building is nearly done.

Three accident cases were treated at Dr. Chas. H. Law's emergency hospital Tuesday. Leon Orcutt, the crane brakeman for the Associated Gravel Co. was painfully injured about the hip when caught between a car and cart on the company's tracks. Alfred Johnson, employed as repair man on the Western Pacific tunnel, suffered a badly lacerated scalp when a piece of timber from the roof of the tunnel, fell and struck him on the head. Joe Souza of the Hansen Lbr. Co. sustained several broken ribs when a bar he was using on the winch of a lumber truck, slipped and struck him in the side.

ROSE GARAGE SHOWS NEW HUDSON-ESSEX MODELS

The Rose garage is now featuring the new Hudson-Essex models. Four wheel brakes, narrower front pillars and higher radiators are characteristic of both models. All Essex models are roomier than ever before. Vertical instead of horizontal radiator shutters and handsome radiator ornaments are new features. Low hung bodies together with attractive color schemes further describe the new cars, but the story on page 5 of this issue gives the details.

FITTING CEREMONY LARGELY ATTENDED

One of the most significant occasions in the history of Niles, was the dedication of the Jane R. Clough Memorial library, which took place Saturday afternoon, January 14th. Although it had rained intermittently through the day, about one thousand people gathered around the new building to witness the impressive dedication ceremony, which was conducted by members of the Masonic Grand Lodge, Chas. R. Wallenberg, Senior Grand Warden, was master of ceremonies and District Attorney Earl Warren was the grand orator. The various organizations of the community united in participation in the program. Scoutmaster J. F. Goldner and the local boy scout troop took charge of and raised the national colors on the flag pole of the new building for the first time. This beautiful flag was also a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ford. The scouts, camp fire girls, school children and members of the various Sunday schools, members of the fire department, American Legion, the high school band and others were represented in the procession and program. The pastors of both the Niles churches participated in the exercises.

With Mrs. Ford standing beside him, Mr. Ford in a brief and appropriate address very graciously made the formal presentation of the new building to the library association to be held in trust for the community until such time as the town of Niles shall become incorporated. Mr. Ford also gave a short biography of Mrs. Clough, commenting upon her affection for this community. J. C. Shinn, president of the board, formally accepted the gift. On behalf of the County Board Supervisor Ralph Richmond expressed appreciation of the gift and its value as a mark of progress in the community. Miss Mary Barmby, county librarian, also spoke and commented on the fact that although there are over forty libraries in Alameda County, that the Niles library is unsurpassed by any in the county. On behalf of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, Mr. F. V. Jones expressed deep appreciation for the gift and paid tribute to the character of Mrs. Clough. The program was especially pleasing, reflecting much credit on the committee of library directors who planned it and Mrs. J. R. Whipple, chairman.

Moving pictures of the speakers and crowd were taken and will be exhibited in Oakland and local theatres in the near future.

Following the program, hundreds of people inspected the new library. Beautiful cut flowers decorated the interior having been supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Ford, who had apparently not overlooked a single item which could add to the perfection of the day.

DR. ADAMS RETURNS HOME

Dr. J. M. Adams, who has been ill in a San Francisco hospital for several months, was able to be brought to his home in Niles Wednesday, making the trip in Dr. Du Bois Eaton's car.

CENTERVILLE

Sunday morning was the coldest of the year. Indeed it seemed the coldest in many years to those who looked at the thermometer.

Mr. Cyril Attwood leaves for a position in Santa Barbara this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fitting left for Alameda the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blacow entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Emerson at dinner Friday evening.

Miss Sadie Buckley, who had been an invalid for some time, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. S. Holman, Sunday. Funeral services were held from the family home at San Mateo, Tuesday.

St. James Guild held their first meeting Wednesday the 11th. The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. Emerson, president; Mrs. E. T. Chadbourne, and Mrs. R. Anderson, vice-presidents; Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, treasurer; Mrs. F. O. Bunting, secretary. It was agreed that all would try to make this a banner year and unite with the men's club in clearing Memorial Hall of all debt. The next meeting will be on January 25 at Memorial Hall. Mrs. H. Salz and Mrs. Bruner will be the hostesses.

The "Sweet 16" met with Mrs. L. Eggers on the 16th. The first meeting since the holidays. Mrs. M. Mathiesen carried off slam prize, having 5 slams. Mrs. Silas Hansen had the highest points Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, guest prize. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Henry Dusterberry Thursday '6.

Mrs. F. Bunting gave a dinner and bridge on the evening of the 12th. The guests of honor were the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. R. Emerson. At the close of the cards, Mr. Frank Dusterberry carried off 1st prize, Mr. Attwood, consolation, while Mrs. R. Anderson won the highest score for ladies and Mrs. R. Emerson, consolation.

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Sermon Theme - - Next Sunday
NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

The Tehama county Board of Supervisors last week agreed to provide \$25,000, to be matched by \$75,000 in Federal funds, in constructing a highway which will open up the Lassen Volcanic National Park, it was announced by Bert B. Meeks, State director of public works.

California's deaths from automobile crashes are mounting. This is shown in figures compiled by the department of vital statistics of the State board of health. Complete reports for the first nine months of 1927 shows the motor car had snuffed out 1,224 lives before October 1. This exceeds by seventy-eight the nine-month total for 1926, which set a record for fatalities, and is greater than the deaths for the entire year of 1922.

The First National Research Society of America was formed last week at Los Angeles with the announcement that it will "conduct an international inquiry into the wholesale tobacco poisoning of infants born to and nursed at the breasts of cigarette smoking mothers." This alleged "poisoning," the society declared in submitting incorporation papers from Los Angeles to the Secretary of State, "is believed to be increasing in prevalence with the universal addition of women to cigarettes."

S. H. Kress and Company, national merchandising corporation, acting through Attorney Sylvester J. McAtee of San Francisco, last week purchased the Hornlein Building at Eighth and K streets, Sacramento from Mrs. Max Hornlein of Sacramento for \$300,000. The announcement of the transaction indicated the Kress Company contemplates erection of a large store on the site upon expiration of present leases.

Award of a contract to the Shell Oil company of California for approximately 300,000 barrels of fuel oil needed at California's several hospitals, prisons and corrective schools during the calendar year, was announced recently by State Purchasing Agent McMillin. The oil will be distributed to the institutions for 93 cents a barrel at the shipping points, a price 6 cents below the prevailing market. The State also is assured that it will benefit from any decrease.

The city council of Martinez, county seat of Contra Costa county, is willing that Martinez be classed in the San Francisco metropolitan area, but they wish it understood that their city is resigning none of its rights as an individual corporation, its members announced at Martinez last week. Permission to include Martinez in the metropolitan area was sought recently during compilation of population figures. Martinez has a population of about 8,000.

A reduction of \$14,000,000 in California's annual forest fire losses during the past thirty-seven years, due directly to the development of an adequate patrol system, is claimed by Fred G. Stevenot, State director of natural resources, and State Forester M. B. Pratt in a report to Governor C. C. Young. The two State officials delve into dusty tomes to unearth the first report of a State forestry board back in 1890, when the State's patrol system consisted of a few rangers employed to "post fire notices." In that year, the report shows, California's fire losses are estimated at \$15,000,000.

Authorizations of \$252,323,193 in public utility securities during 1927 by the California Railroad Commission in the form of stocks, bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, exceeds the total of any other year by nearly \$100,000,000, Leon O. Whittell, president of the commission, reports. That the commission is exercising a real and vital supervision over all public utility security issues for which its sanction is sought, is proved, Whittell points out, by the fact that since the commission's organization it has denied applications to issue \$109,580,580, and dismissed applications to issue \$116,557,541 in addition.

The first automobile tire produced from rubber grown in the United States is on display at Salinas this week in the office of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce. All the rubber used in the tire was extracted from Guayule shrubs grown in California by the American Rubber Products, Inc., which maintains its experimental laboratories and nearly 2,000 acres of land near Salinas. More than 800 acres of the shrubs have been planted, and enough seedlings to plant 2,200 more acres are available. Present plans of the company call for planting of thousands of additional acres in various parts of the State. Officials say that the rubber can be produced cheaper in California than on the huge plantations of the company in Sumatra.

The three major industrial resources of Grass Valley—mining, farm stock and tourist-travel—have seldom been more promising at the beginning of a year than at the portal of 1928. This condition is reflected in greater building activity within the City of Grass Valley than has existed for many years. Gold mining, the historical industry at Grass Valley, appears to be in a healthy condition with some prospect of the coming of new operators with new capital to carry out very extensive consolidations and developments.

Opening of a new diagnostic center at Palo Alto, Calif., was announced last week by the Veterans' Bureau at Washington. Like the ones at Cincinnati and Mt. Alto, Washington, the Palo Alto hospital will be manned by highly specialized medical officers.

Two records were established by the monoplane Spirit of California in its recent endurance flight, at San Francisco, even though it failed in its attempt for a new sustained flight record, according to assertions made by Frank Flynn, superintendent of Mills Airport at San Francisco. Flynn reported to the Board of Supervisors that the plane has established a new mark for sustained flight among ships of its type and that it has carried aloft the heaviest useful load ever lifted by heavier-than-air craft.

Both cities and states are falling into line in the movement for adoption of uniform traffic laws and regulations, reports the California State Automobile Association which is sponsoring the uniform code for California cities in the northern and central part of the state. The Automobile Club of Southern California is leading this movement in the south and a total of fifty-three cities in the state now have the standardized code of regulations in effect.

California's most prominent realtor, Governor C. C. Young, will be the guest of honor of the San Francisco Real Estate Board, January 24, at the first luncheon meeting of the local organization in the new year. The meeting will be held in the concert room of the Palace Hotel. Alexander R. Heron, chairman of the State Board of Control, will also appear on the program along with Governor Young as one of the speakers of the day. Charles E. Street Jr. is chairman of arrangements.

It's all right for the maids and matrons of California to strive for that "svelte-like lissomeness," but they're foolish if they fall for the "fads and fallacies of reducing." That's the gist of a claim made last week by M. E. Jaffa, chief of the State bureau of foods and drugs, in an attack on "obesity cures" often tried out with serious results, he said, by "women who imagine they weight too much." Seven among the "most prominent fads and fallacies in nutrition" were listed by the State health official as follows: The vitamin fad, the bread fad, the reducing fad, the sour milk fad, the vegetarian fad, the bran and roughage fad and the no meat fad.

Charles G. Dunwoody, prominent in the campaign for conservation of California forests, left last week for Washington, D. C., where he will urge Congress to meet the forestry needs of the State. California forestry leaders are asking that Congress appropriate funds for immediate work on the State forest experiment station, for maintenance of Lassen Volcanic National Park, and for war on the white pine beetle.

C. E. McLaughlin of Sacramento, former appellate judge and a leader in administration of California penitentiary affairs for many years, was reappointed by Governor C. C. Young last week for a six-year term on the State board of prison directors. This was reliably reported in capitol political circles where it was said that the governor's policy will be to maintain control of the two State prisons in the hands of men who are fully experienced in the government of penal institutions.

Reporting that only twenty-seven banks have been found in a financial condition warranting suspension during the last eighteen and a half years, Will C. Wood, State Superintendent of Banks, declared last week that California occupies a "position of preeminence in the field of sound banking." The value of the total resources of the twenty-seven suspended banks was given as \$11,270,521.14, and the total capital investment was announced as \$2,359,869.30.

Just a little over two weeks remains for California motorists to comply with the State law and secure new license plates for 1928. Renewal registration closes at midnight January 31, warns George S. Grant, manager of the California State Automobile Association license issuance service, in a statement issued last week. The law requires that those who have not secured their plates during the time allowed must pay double the usual fee, making the passenger car owner pay \$6 instead of \$3.

California's method of legal execution by hanging is far from costly, officials at San Quentin declared last week. It is one of the things that has become less expensive with the passage of years. A fee of \$25, paid to the hangman, is the chief item. In years past he received \$50, which he shared with guards on the death watch. The State pays \$250 for the hemp noose, a new one being used for each execution after being stretched for months. Interment in the prison cemetery entails an expense of \$250 for a coffin made in the furniture factory, which is not necessary if the body is claimed by relatives.

One hundred school teachers and school executives will come to California about the middle of March for a month's tour. This was announced at Mexico City by Dr. C. N. Thomas of San Jose, Calif. Dr. Thomas is director general of the International Council for Educational Progress. Dr. Thomas went to Mexico to invite the Mexican department of education to send a party of Mexican teachers to California as guests of groups of California educators. The purpose of the tour is to cultivate friendship between Mexico and the United States.

California Ranch News

Tulare county's 1927 crop report will show an increase over the previous year, in the opinion of A. E. Miot, secretary of the Tulare County Board of Trade, who is now engaged in compilation of the annual data.

Ed. Pratt, cattleman of the Porterville district, recently sold a choice car of steers in San Francisco for \$11.75 per hundred, according to reports. The average weight of the steers was about 1100 pounds. A good steady mark has been maintained by the cattle market this year and cattle shipped from the Porterville district have brought good prices.

The heavy snows of December have brought smiles to the faces of the orange growers in the south, for early snows mean more water for the mountain reservoirs. The big reservoir for this territory is Bear Valley. At the start of the season the water was up to sixty-five feet on the face of the dam. It went back to fifty-four, but the melting of the snows will bring it up rapidly.

The agricultural extension service has just completed a survey of the persimmon industry in Orange county. A census was taken of all plantings as to age, acreage and varieties. Cultural practices of the growers were also investigated and summarized. The survey revealed a total of 537 acres of persimmons, classified in three age groups, as follows: 392 acres, 1 to 4 years; 89 acres, 5 to 8 years, 64 acres, to years and over.

Designed to provide rigid inspection of all meats or meat products disposed of in Tulare county, the Tulare county supervisors have adopted a county-wide meat inspection ordinance. Dr. George Gordon, in charge of the State department dealing with inspection of meats and meat products, was present at a meeting of the supervisors to explain provisions of the ordinance and lead the discussion in its favor. Representatives of the cattle industry and slaughter house interests of the county were also present. This ordinance is virtually the same as those now in effect in a number of California counties and cities.

With the idea of utilizing the supply of low-grade raisins and making available a feed for pork producers, experiments to prove the value of cull raisins as a feed for swine are being carried out by the division of animal husbandry, University of California. Four such feeding tests have been completed, and the results are published in Bulletin 440, written by Prof. E. H. Hughes. "The results of the last trial indicate that a ration of raisins and tankage on alfalfa pasture was not altogether satisfactory," says Prof. Hughes. The addition of raisins and rice bran to a barley and tankage ration, on alfalfa pasture, would be a satisfactory practice."

The first cars of the 1928 orange crop of the Covina district were packed last week by the Covina Citrus Association, the fruit is Washington Navel and Thompsons. The Covina Orange Growers expect to begin packing this week. Tests for sugar content show the fruit to meet the requirements prescribed by law. The navel crop, it is estimated, will be normal in this vicinity, but the Valencia crop will be lighter than that of last year.

Declaring that extensive rice planting in Imperial Valley would overtax the irrigation canals and result in waterlogged lands, Engineer M. J. Dowd of the Imperial Irrigation District, speaking before the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Imperial last week, deplored the campaign now being conducted to bring the rice industry to this district. Dowd admitted that rice culture would improve some of the alkali lands in the valley, but asserted that the crop would do more harm than good in areas where there is poor drainage. As an added argument against rice planting in Imperial Valley, he pointed out that pending the erection of a storage dam in the upper Colorado River the valley has no excess supply of water during August and September and that the heavy demands of extensive rice acreage might result in a shortage of irrigation water.

The grain crop of the past year in Siskiyou county surpassed all previous years, and the acreage now being sown shows the growing demand for the cereal production for that county. Montague, Siskiyou county, itself uses a large amount of the grain in its splendid flouring mill, sending out big shipments to various markets. Mining in Siskiyou county is not so brisk as in bygone days, yet upward of \$600,000 in minerals were taken from the quartz and gravel mines the past year, and some of the companies are increasing their equipment for 1928.

Thirty-eight camps for boys and girls engaged in agricultural work were held in 1927 by the Agriculture Extension service of the University of California. B. H. Crocheron, director, in his annual report just made public, announces they were attended by 1,154 boys, 716 girls and 470 adults who were leaders and chaperones.

The prune plant at Colusa, Colusa county, is busy preparing a seven-car shipment of French prunes for Germany. Manager William Abreau said last week that it was likely that the shipment would be ready in a few days. The cars are being loaded with sacked fruit. One carload of case goods was scheduled to leave Colusa for San Francisco, where it will be consigned to Germany. Abreau expects more large orders will be forthcoming from Germany this year.

A diversion dam by means of which the waters of Deer Creek in the southeast section of Tehama county can be used to irrigate approximately 2,150 acres of land in the Vina section has just been completed and engineers are now surveying for the laterals and ditches to carry the water to the rich fruit and vegetable lands in the Deer Creek Irrigation District. Bonds in the sum of \$25,000 were voted by the district several months ago, and of this money approximately \$8,000 was used in construction of the dam. The balance will be used in completing the irrigation system. The dam is 145 feet long and is located near the mouth of Deer Creek where it empties into the Sacramento River.

The 1927 citrus crop of the upper San Gabriel Valley sold at approximately \$7,000,000, which growers and shippers state is the largest local return in the history of the citrus industry. This figure does not include receipts for a few shipments that were made very late in the season and for which the figures are not available. Although the Valencia oranges were unusually small, the return was the greatest ever received. The combined cash returns from the associations of this district, which market through the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, was \$5,998,390. The figures furnished by these associations are f. o. b., the packing and selling charges having been deducted.

Stockmen of the Southwest are still talking about the high prices realized at the public auction sale held in connection with the recent "Christmas Fat Stock Week" at Los Angeles Union Stock Yards, when a steer sold for \$17.5 a pound on the hoof, the highest figure recorded west of the Rocky Mountains, and a fat lamb brought the record-breaking price of \$5 a pound. Such prices, it is admitted, are only realized on "special" occasions of the kind when bidding for the "best that is" becomes somewhat of a "stunt" but the opinion is held that they reflect a new and increasing respect for fine meat animals in this part of the country, as well as the fact that Los Angeles is becoming a great meat center.

Pepper and pimento growers from all parts of Orange county met at Talbert recently to receive instructions on pepper weevil control from United States Department of Agriculture officials. The pepper growers' department of the Farm Bureau, headed by J. A. Knapp and R. N. Ellis, assistant farm adviser, is sponsoring a county-wide campaign to turn under all plants of the past season.

The largest and best crop of deciduous fruit in the history of the industry was shipped from California last year by the California Fruit Exchange, according to a report from Los Angeles. The annual report of J. L. Nagle, general manager of the exchange, at its twenty-seventh annual meeting held last week brings out this and other interesting information. The meeting was attended by 750 growers from all parts of the State. Nagle's report, which was the leading feature of the meeting showed that the exchange did a gross business of \$2,000,000 over the gross business of 1926. This revenue came from the marketing of 12,226 cars of deciduous fruits, all of which went to domestic and Canadian markets with the exception of 250 cars which went to Cuba, South America, Manila, India and the Orient.

More than \$300,000 was realized by fruit and grain ranchers in Beaumont township during the past season, according to the annual report of horticultural inspector J. E. Liddle. The cherry crop, estimated at 500 tons, produced the greatest revenue, with a value of \$70,000. Grain, hay, apples, pears and grapes were other heavy revenue producers for the district. Mr. Liddle's crop report for the San Geronio Pass district for 1927 shows a total of 16,375 acres under cultivation, and 928 nonbearing acres.

DAIRY FACTS

GOOD COWS NEED SOME VACATION

Give the good dairy cow a rest of six to eight weeks before freshening, for it will mean more production than if she is milked up until she freshens, declares Burt Oederkirk, extension dairyman at Iowa State college.

"Through selection, feeding and breeding, Iowa's most progressive dairymen have developed high producing herds in which there are many cows that will milk continually throughout the year from one freshening to the next without a rest, unless their owners see to it that they receive a vacation," Mr. Oederkirk asserts.

"The profitable cow of the future will be one which produces 300 pounds or more of butterfat in 10 to 10½ months, takes six to eight weeks' rest to build up her body for the next lactation, and drops a good calf each year. A cow that will continue such a program year in and year out will prove most profitable."

Cows bred so as to freshen in the fall, when properly fed, will milk heavily through the winter and when put on grass will continue satisfactory production until hot weather arrives. They will then naturally go down in production and may be dried up.

If there is difficulty in drying up a cow before she is to freshen, she should be taken off grass and not allowed any other succulent feed for a time. She may be milked only once a day for awhile and other milkings skipped later on.

The feed given good dry cows before freshening will be well paid for when the cow freshens. Hence, feed the dry cow so as to get her in good condition.

Cow's Cheapest Food Is Water, Says a Dairyman

The owner of a cow which produced 10,584 pounds of milk and 512.6 pounds of butterfat last year was asked, "What is the cheapest and best form of food for dairy cows?"

"Pure water," he replied; "only be sure that the water is put in the cow and not in the milk can."

Milk contains approximately 87 per cent water and if the cow does not have access to an unlimited supply of fresh, clean, palatable water, her milk flow is bound to suffer heavily. A high-producing cow will consume from 24 to 30 gallons of water per day. Cow testers have found in numerous cases that the milk production of a herd was increased 7 to 8 per cent when automatic drinking cups were installed in the stalls, offering the cow unlimited supply of water whenever desired. A reliable automatic water supply system has proved to be one of the most valuable items of a farm's equipment.

Alfalfa as Winter Feed Superior to Other Hay

Alfalfa should be provided for winter roughage. It is superior to any other hay because of its high protein and mineral content and also because of its high yielding capacity. One acre of alfalfa, if the land contains the proper amount of lime, will produce as much as two acres of clover and, ton for ton, it is a better feed for cows as well as for other live stock.

Those who do not have alfalfa should consider seeding a suitable acreage next year. In recent years quite a number of farmers have prepared seed beds by thorough disking without plowing. This gives a more compact seed bed than can be prepared in a hurry after first plowing and is becoming a popular method. The disking should be done in at least two directions. Three double diskings will usually put the soil in good condition.

Dairy Squibs

Salt is a profitable addition to the daily ration of the dairy cow.

To aid digestion and to stimulate appetite, keep salt before dairy cows at all times.

Dairymen who tuberculin-test their herds are in line for better profits and have the satisfaction of knowing that disease does not lurk in their herds.

Cow testing increases the average production of the dairy herd, first, by eliminating the low producing cows, and second, by enabling the farmer to select the foundation animals for his herd on the basis of performance.

If you are lacking in suitable roughage, do not put too much faith in straw and coarse corn fodder.

Only the best proved sires can be relied on to increase the production of daughters over that of dams having a yearly production of 400 pounds of butterfat.

Properly cured hay and green food carry factors that are not only beneficial to the proper development of calves, but are also necessary for proper reproduction.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Mrs. Annie Kwinski of 526 1st Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., writes that she became so weak and run-down that she was not able to do her housework. She saw the name Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the paper and said to her husband, "I will try that medicine and see if it will help me." She says she took six bottles and is feeling much better.

Mrs. Mattie Adams, who lives in Downing Street, Brewton, Ala., writes as follows: "A friend recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and since taking it I feel like a different woman."

With her children grown up, the middle-aged woman finds time to do the things she never had time to do before—read the new books, see the new plays, enjoy her grand-children, take an active part in church and civic affairs. Far from being pushed aside by the younger set, she finds a full, rich life of her own. That is, if her health is good.

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Radio Transmission

Now that radio has entered the business of transmitting pictures and messages by the square inch instead of by dots and dashes, it is interesting to note that within its first year of operation the speed of transmission has been doubled. Whereas last year 40 minutes were required for a single photograph of standard size, today it can be done commercially in 20 minutes. Under laboratory conditions the same accomplishment has taken but two minutes.

His Affliction

"I see the doctor's attending him again. What's he got?" "Money?"

Flu May Start with a COLD

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Saving a duck from death in the breakers has figured for the first time in the history of the life guard force of Atlantic City, N. J. The duck, a fledgling pet of John L. Young, Jr., son of Captain Young waddled out of its pen at the Young residence far out on the big pier, and tumbled into the water, twenty feet below. Stunned by its fall the duck was unable to swim, but life guards who heard the walls of the duck's small owner put out in a boat and saved the bird.

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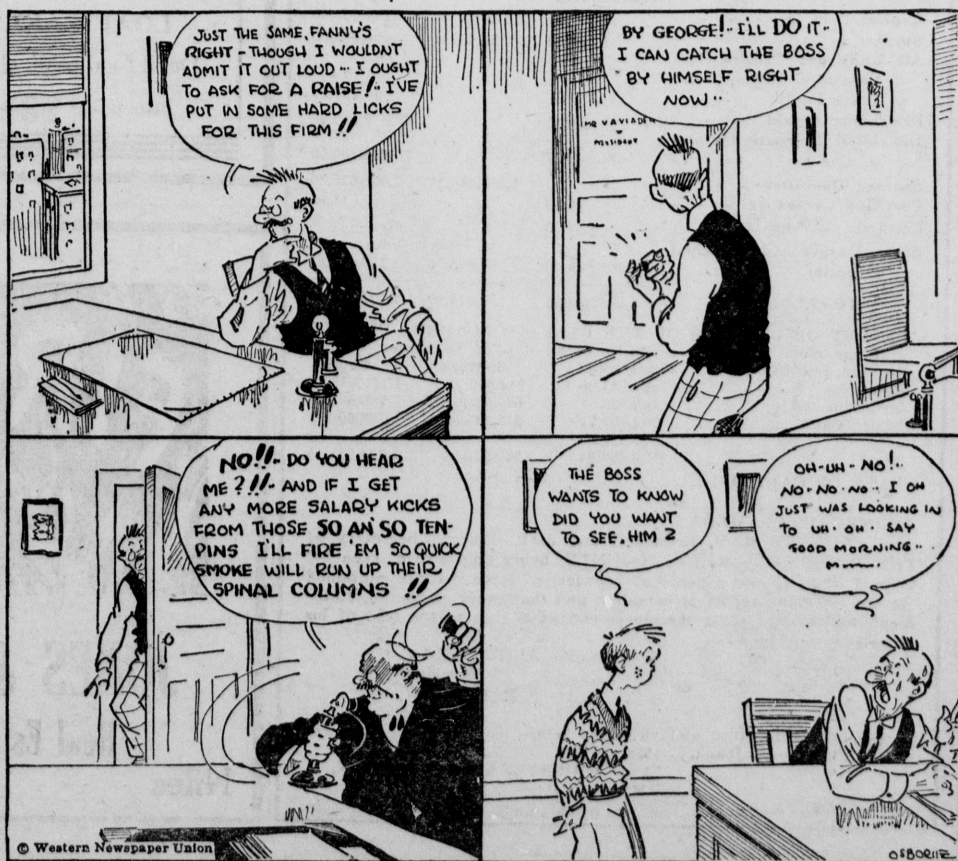


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Nobel Prize Winners of All Nationalities

According to a report of the Nobel foundation its total funds now amount to nearly 31,000,000 crowns, or more than \$8,000,000. Beginning in 1901, Nobel prizes amounting to a total of between 13,000,000 and 14,000,000 crowns have been awarded. Of these 23 prizes went to medical men, 23 were awarded in chemistry, 32 in physics, 25 in literature and 28 for the promotion of peace. The recipients of prizes included 3 Germans, 24 Frenchmen, 20 Englishmen, 9 Swedes, 8 Americans, 7 Swiss; Hollanders and Danes, 6 each; Belgians, Norwegians, Italians and Austrians, 4 each; Spaniards, 3; Canadians, Poles and Russians, 2 each; Irish and Bengalese, 1 each. Of the peace prizes 6 went to France, 4 to Switzerland and 4 to America.

Her Position

Madge—If you think Jack wants to marry you for your money, why don't you test him?

Marie—Well, there's an objection to that. You see, I might find out that he does, and what I really want to find out is that he doesn't.

A domestic broil is not a very satisfactory thing for dinner.

To the Rescue

Reggie Denny, the picture star, is English, but that doesn't deter him from telling good ones on his countrymen. One of his briefest and best is: "Elop, 'elp! A bald-headed man over 'ere has fainted."

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Stripped to His Hide

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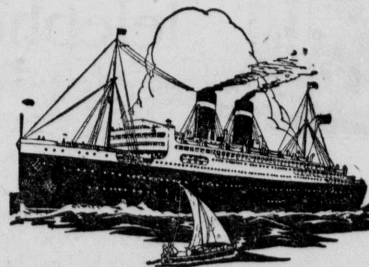
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MISSION SAN JOSE

Mr and Mrs Bert M'lor entertained Mr and Mrs Henry F. Weston at dinner on Sunday.

Christiano Breuser, aged 77, an old timer of Mission San Jose, was buried in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery in Irvington on Saturday, Rev. J. R. Stevenson officiating.

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. M. Hadad spent a few days in San Francisco this week.

Mrs. A. A. Hatch is visiting friends in Berkeley for a few days.

Mrs. Clarence Crane spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her sister in Oakland.

Mr and Mrs F. A. Bishop returned Sunday from a trip to the Southern part of the state.

Mrs. Chittenden and Mr. Guy Burnham had luncheon with an Oakland friend Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Dassel and Miss Patricia Duffey spent the week end in Oakland.

Mrs. M. L. Fournier and daughter, Miss Muriel, spent Friday in San Francisco.

Mr and Mrs Robert Blacow spent Sunday in Sunnyvale as guests of Mr and Mrs F. M. Drew.

W. B. Catterlin and James Govon of Oakland were guests of L. J. Duffey's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Niel Alberg and daughters of Oakland spent Sunday at the J. Alberg home in Niles.

Miss Barbara Brunsch of Alameda was the guest of Mr and Mrs Lester Duffey last week.

Mr and Mrs. Geo. Leo and children who recently moved to Niles from Portola are living in Mrs. De Guillo's cottage south of the American garage.

Mrs. H. C. Roland, Howard and the Misses Myrtle and Mildred Roland visited Windsor and the Santa Rosa vicinity last week, going via Richmond and San Rafael and returning over the Carquinez bridge route.

Mr T. E. Smethers who has been convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia at the E. A. Ellsworth home at Niles was able to be taken to his home at Ripon, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth and Mr. Smethers' nurse accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman and daughter Elizabeth of Berkeley were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Newman's mother, Mrs. Florence Hudson. Miss Mary Dale Newman, who had visited her grandmother, Mrs. Hudson, a few days last week, returned home with them.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Belser of Berkeley, Mrs. G. H. Chittenden, Mrs. May Cummings of Oakland, Mrs. Holiday of Beersford, Mr and Mrs Chas. N. Chittenden and daughter of Napa were week end callers and visitors of Mrs E. Chittenden at Hotel Belvoir.

Miss Margaret Kling of the De Luxe beauty parlor spent a pleasure and business week end trip in San Francisco visiting old friends and also renewing her stock of leading creams and cosmetics which were completely sold out during the holidays.

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COMBINED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY AT ALVARADO, CALIFORNIA

and Branches at Niles and Irvington, California as of the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1927

	Commercial	Savings	Combined
Loans and Discounts (including Rediscounts) -	346,450.99...	1,403,324.00	1,749,774.99
United States Securities			
Owned - - - - -	41,051.50	72,006.50	113,058.00
All Other Bonds, Warrants and Securities (including Premium thereon, less all offsetting Bond Adjustment Accounts)	182,826.25	399,992.00	582,818.25
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults - - -		79,000.00	79,000.00
Due from Fed. Reserve Bank	15,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00
Due From Other Banks - -	258,329.60	128,694.48	387,024.08
Actual Cash on Hand - -	41,678.91	5,598.82	47,277.73
TOTAL - - - - -	885,337.25	2,133,615.80	3,018,953.05

LIABILITIES

Capital Paid in - - - -	60,000.00	100,000.00	160,000.00
Surplus - - - - -	5,000.00	95,000.00	100,000.00
All Undivided Profits (less Expenses, Interest and Taxes Paid) - - - -	14,137.91		14,137.91
Dividends Unpaid - - -	9,600.00		9,600.00
Individual Deposits Subject to Check - - - - -	695,839.59		695,839.59
Savings Deposits - - -		1,888,615.80	1,888,615.80
Certified Checks - - -	15.00		15.00
Cashiers' checks - - -	744.75		744.75
State, County and Municipal Deposits - - - - -	100,000.00	50,000.00	150,000.00
TOTAL - - - - -	885,337.25	2,133,615.80	3,018,953.05

REPORT OF DEPOSITS OF THE BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1927

City or Locality Commercial Savings Total

Alvarado, Cal. 427,011.05 744,639.15 1,171,650.20

Irvington, Cal. 165,728.55 620,834.08 786,562.63

Niles, Cal. 213,459.74 573,142.57 786,602.31

Total \$806,199.34 1,938,615.80 2,744,815.14

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ss.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

AUGUST MAY, President, and J. R. Blacow, Secretary of THE BANK OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, being duly sworn, each for himself, says he has a personal knowledge of the matters contained in the foregoing report of condition and that every allegation, statement, matter and thing therein contained is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

AUGUST MAY,
President.
J. R. BLACOW,
Secretary.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 5th day of January, 1928.

CHRISTENA M. ANDERSON,
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PINEAPPLE.....	Large can	15c
Piedmont or Garden brand		

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Small can 2 for	13c
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ZED BISCUIT	per package	25c
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KLAMATH GEM POTATOES	8 lbs	18c
CAULIFLOWER	Fancy large heads	each 12c

VEGETABLES, beets, carrots, turnips, 2 bunches	5c
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LETTUCE, Large firm heads,	each	5c
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ORANGES, Extra large Sunkists	per doz.	53c
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BANANAS, Fancy ripe fruit	3 lbs.	25c
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OLD FASHION CHOCOLATES, 8 oz. bag	10c
Assorted flavors, chocolate dipped creams	

Mutual Ice Cream, pint brick	15c
quart brick	25c

DEVIL FOOD LOAF CAKE

Devil food cake, chocolate icing

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. D. Ferry has been confined in bed this week by a severe cold. The S. P. depot at Niles has been improved by the construction of green asbestos shingle roof. A new baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Willis of Mission San Jose last week. Mrs. V. T. Shattock of Suisun returned home Wednesday after a ten days' visit with the H. C. Roland family.

Mrs. E. Plumb and Mrs. H. C. Roland attended a P.T.A. council meeting at Hayward today. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Majors of Niles, Sunday, January 15. A large number of friends from this vicinity attended the funeral services of Mrs. Dave Lehman of Pleasanton, Sunday. Mrs. Lehman formerly lived in Niles. She was a member of the Niles Rebekah lodge the township O. E. S. lodge and other local organizations.

Miss Marjorie Richards of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. Fred Nelson. Leonard Barnard and Mrs. Niles Jacobus, both of Berkeley attended the dedication of the new Niles Library Saturday and remained over for a short visit with their mother, Mrs. Mary Barnard. Mrs. E. Chittendon and Mr. Burnham were guests at the Geo. Chittendon home in Oakland on Sunday. Mrs. Chittendon remaining in Oakland until Tuesday evening.

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Details of Interest to all Motordom

THE new Hudson and Essex Super-Sixes come to the Automobile Show in completely new and arresting design, strikingly in advance, and at once brilliantly original and authoritative.

The full unity of their beauty is a swift impression, impossible to dissect; and yet a detailed study of the advancements is of interest not only to Hudson-Essex owners, but to all motordom.

Newness begins at the very front, in higher radiators on both Hudson and Essex—an effect that is further heightened by vertical radiator shutters. The motometer has been removed from the front to the dash, and is now replaced by handsome radiator ornaments.

Lamps are of Colonial design, and are of the parabola type controlled from the wheel. Saddle lamps of the same type are mounted on the cowl by means of a crossing nicked band. Fenders are of new design, full-crowned and beaded along the edge.

All bodies are lacquered in duo-tones, and carry a moulding all the way around, and out the cowl and hood to the radiator.

The front pillars are trim and narrow. In standard models the visor is the military type.

All Essex models are larger and roomier than ever before.

The instrument board is finished in a polished ebony. Set into this background is the grouping of instruments, including the ammeter, oil and gasoline gauges, speedometer, and motometer, all indirectly lighted.

The handsome new steering wheel has a steel core surrounded by ebony-black hard rubber and carries light control, hand throttle and horn button.

Hudson custom-built bodies are the Victoria, the Landau Sedan and the 7-passenger Sedan. In all of them, the front body pillars are notably slender. The windshield frames are nicked, so that the fronts of all three cars are quite distinctive and striking.

Body construction is of aluminum panels over a frame of selected hardwood. Lines are original and striking. Mouldings and color panels are employed to bring about distinctive effects. The rear quarters are finished in long grain landau leather, colored to match the upper body.

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CHAPTER I

Hungry Men at Vaucouleurs

Two men sat by a roadside in attitudes of deep dejection. Their faces were white and their eyes haggard. They were clothed in uniforms of faded olive drab, with blouse and breeches that did not match, with glaringly new shoes, and a ridiculous shapless cap. A mounted patrol of military police had passed that way a short time before, but one keen glance at the two men had satisfied the police. Those faded uniforms, neatly patched here and there, and with buttons that were not mates, were salvage uniforms taken from wounded men, cleaned, repaired, and issued again to men leaving the military hospital. The white faces, the new shoes, the second-hand clothes, were old features to the police. They meant that the wearers were wounded men who discharged from hospital and sick to death of the monotony, the hideous quarters and the frightful food of the replacement camps, had slung their packs on their backs and, selecting a night when the guards would be under cover, had gone over the hill and were trying to rejoin their organizations. As long as these men had their faces turned toward the front, and as long as they behaved themselves, the police would not bother them.

One of the men looked behind him, at the way the two had come. A white road, baking under the hot sun of early September, went up and down over the hills and so out of sight. He looked the other way, toward the opposite horizon. The road looped its way, shimmering in the heat, an equal distance. Between the two horizons were trees, newly mowed fields, and clumps of bush, but no other living thing.

"Sergeant," said the man, "you sure we're on the right road?"

The other man turned on his side to get his hand into his breeches pocket. He had a sergeant's stripes sewed rather askew on one sleeve, and a rusty looking gold V on his right cuff showed that he had been wounded in action. He drew out a creased and dirty envelope and extracted a sheet of thin paper therefrom.

"Sergeant Robert Eadie," began the typewritten paper, "Base Hospital 22, Vittel, Vosges. Dear sergeant: The regiment will be at Vaucouleurs until September 12. It is hoped that you can rejoin us there." There was an indistinguishable scrawl and the typewritten words, "Personal Officer, Seventy-ninth F. A." On the strength of this thin sheet of paper these two men had traveled across France.

The sergeant got stiffly to his feet and inspected a milepost near where the two had sat down.

"Yep, Darcy," said he, "Vaucouleurs, 7 Kilos." It says, Well, we're half way. That's cheering.

"Oh, G—d!" said the other man. "Is that all we are?"

"Only about four miles more," said the sergeant comfortably. He looked at his watch. "It's twelve o'clock," he added. "Now if we should hustle even, we wouldn't get in in time for chow. Well, they'll have something they can give us for a handout. Let's start out anyway."

The two started out. They went down the hills and clambered up the other side. The heat grew, and they sat down often, for they were hot, they were thirsty, and their new shoes hurt.



He Drew Out a Creased and Dirty Envelope and Extracted a Paper Therefrom.

The sergeant felt that strange weakness, that washed-out feeling in the legs that comes from a stay in hospital. Each hill they climbed they expected to see the roofs of Vaucouleurs before them, but when they had panted up to the top, and looked despairingly around, they could see nothing but more hills and the white road glimmering over the crests.

"Cheer up," said the sergeant at last, after Darcy had cast himself full length on the dusty grass and buried his face in his hands. "We only got two more kilos to go and I bet from the top of the next hill we can see the town. Maybe the outfit is camped outside the town on our side of it. We'll be back with it in another half hour,

and then that will be the end of eating handouts of cold goldfish and of running around France."

"Good," said Darcy, sitting up. "I'm glad we're gettin' there. I'm about outta gas. Do you really think maybe they'll have somethin' left from dinner?"

"Sure," said the sergeant. "I know Capodanno. If he hasn't been turned to duty for lapin' up all the lemon extract, he'll have something to eat. Let's stir our stumps."

"Come on," said Darcy. "Let's get it over with." He leaped to his feet and the two started off. The heat of the road burned through their hobnails, the glare of the sun from the white chalk surface made their eyes sting, but the next hill was the last and over it was their home, their battery, their friends, and food. They bravely breasted the ascent, the stones slipped under their feet and sweat poured down their faces, but they kept on. The summit of the hill drew nearer.

"What'll you bet we can see the camp from the top?" asked Eadie.

"It'll be the gladdest sight I ever seen," replied the other.

They reached the top, took two or three paces, and sure enough, at the bottom of the next slope, though quite a distance yet down the valley, rose the moss covered roofs, the weather beaten gray walls, and the high church towers of a town of considerable size. Half way down the slope was an aviation camp, with a number of huge canvas tents, used as hangars.

"That's us," said the sergeant. "That's Vaucouleurs."

The two marched forward almost briskly, without taking their customary rest. As they descended the slope they passed soldiers, but they saw no familiar faces, nor did they see anything that looked like a camp of field artillery.

"It would probably be in the woods somewhere," said Eadie, "on account of air raids. We wouldn't be able to see it from the road anyway."

"Why don't yuh ask a M. P.?" suggested Darcy. "This looks to be quite a town and we might go right past the road to our camp."

"I'll do it," said Eadie. "He won't say anything about a pass. A man doesn't need a pass to take a walk on a Sunday in the town his outfit is stationed in."

There was an M. P. talking to a girl a few houses down the street and the two went toward him.

"Hey, soldier," said Eadie, moving up to the M. P. sideways, so that both his sergeant's chevrons and wound stripe could be seen, "can you tell us where the Seventy-ninth Field Artillery hangs out?"

The M. P. turned majestically from his conversation with the girl. He bent lowering brows upon the two. Could they not see he was busy?

"The what?" asked the M. P.

"The Seventy-ninth Field," answered the sergeant.

"I never heard of 'em," said the M. P.

"Well, this is the Third Division headquarters, isn't it?" asked Eadie.

"Search me," said the M. P. "They come an' go. I don't keep track of 'em." He turned and continued his conversation with the girl. "Er-voo," said he, "sweet heures, icl."

The two soldiers moved sadly away. "Don't let's get excited," said Eadie. "because these M. P.'s never know their right hand from their left. The next guy I see I'm going to ask where the division P. C. is and then we'll go there and find out where our outfit is."

"Here comes a guy," cried Darcy suddenly, "an' he's got a 4 on his collar. He's outta the Fourth Infantry. Hey, guy, where at's the division P. C.?"

The other man did not stop in his stride. "Yuh come by it," he called. "Go back and take the second street to your right."

The two turned around and walked forward with more spring in their gait than formerly, though Eadie had a sinking feeling about the heart. There was a sign that said "Headquarters Third Division, U. S. Army. Keep gate clear." The two soldiers went in, one hundred and twenty steps to the minute.

In the hall of the house sat an officer, smoking a cigar and fanning himself with a newspaper. He looked calmly at the two soldiers who came to a halt before him, bagged their heels, and saluted.

"Sir," said Eadie, "could the captain tell us where the Seventy-ninth Field Artillery camp is?"

"The Seventy-ninth," repeated the officer, still looking curiously at the two. "Hmmm. Oh, Cladlin," he called. There was the stir of a chair being pushed back in one of the rooms and another officer entered. This officer twisted his tiny mustache and looked very sternly at the two soldiers.

"The Seventy-ninth," said he in a judicial tone. "What division are they with?"

Eadie's heart fell suddenly to his boots as a stone falls down a well. Darcy's rifle butt rattled on the floor. These two men were tired, they were hungry, they had battled their way from one corner of France to the other, pinning their hope on that one letter from the personnel officer, and now that they had arrived at their destination, it began to look as if they were as far from their regiment as they had been in the replacement

camp. In addition, they had made a fourteen-kilometer hike in the blazing heat and on empty stomachs, and trifles assume very serious proportions after such exertion. Then Eadie heard the other officer, the captain, speaking.

"No, no lieutenant," said the captain, and there was something of reproach in his tone. "The Seventy-ninth is in this division. Don't you know where their mail goes?"

"I leave all that to Sergeant Pappas," replied the lieutenant. "He must be around here. I saw him myself not five minutes ago. These men want to get back to their outfit, don't you? Sure you do."

The lieutenant clanked away and the men in the hall heard the far-away hum of a buzzer.

"Hot walking?" asked the captain. "blowing cigar smoke."

Before the men could answer a sergeant hurried in, buttoning his blouse.

"Oh, sergeant, where is the Seventy-ninth?"

"The Seventy-ninth, sir?" The sergeant consulted a book that he drew from his pocket. "They're up in the woods the other side of Toul. They've been gone about ten days, sir."

"We're all moving up," added the captain. "If you'd come in tomorrow at this time you wouldn't even find the headquarters here. We're moving to Toul. I wonder how I can get you men back. Come back tomorrow and we'll see if we can't give you a ride as far as Toul."

"Thank you, sir," said Eadie. He and Darcy saluted and went out of the door into the hot street again. They went down it aimlessly, for they had nowhere in particular to go and neither wanted to be the first to sit down. When they came to the railroad track they halted.

"Let's get ourselves a feed," said Eadie. "Don't let's forget that you and I are soldiers of the United States army, entitled to three meals a day, a bed, and medical attendance free of charge. Let's go claim our rights. We're liable to strike some hospitable place like we did at Saint Dizier where they don't feed unless you produce travel orders. Maybe there's a Red Cross round here, but those girls have begun to get hard-boiled now and—"

"Listen," interrupted Darcy. From behind a door in the wall at their back came a sudden sharp sound, a rending crack. Again the sound was repeated, again and again.

"There's some one in there choppin' wood," said Darcy. "What'll you bet it's a kitchen?"

Eadie cautiously pushed open the door in the wall. Within was a courtyard, shaded on three sides by sheds. Under one of these sheds was a stove, not a rolling kitchen, but a real field range, large and capable looking. Beside it a fat man with his apron rolled up about his waist split wood and hummed a song. His eye lighted on the two newcomers.

"Hi, fellars," said he pleasantly. "been bikin' this afternoon?"

"I'll say we have," said Eadie. "We hiked in from the main line. It was a hot walk. You the cook?"

"I'm the cook," said the fat man.

"I suppose they feed well here," remarked Eadie.

"Feed well? Huh!" The cook, sitting down on a box, took his knee in both hands and leaned back comfortably. "For dinner today we had duck, roast duck stuffed with chestnuts—Duck an' champagne. It goes good."

age, and the colors remain remarkably fresh and unfaded after being hung a century.

It is said that at Logie house, Aberdeenshire, the seat of Col. George Milne, there is some of this exquisite Oriental wall paper as good as ever it was.

Elephants Put Out Fire
How a herd of wild elephants extinguished a forest fire in Travancore, on the southwest coast of India, was related recently by laborers who witnessed the proceedings, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A tree had fallen across the road and had been set afire to simplify the task of removing it. The blaze was slowly spreading to the woods near by when the leader of the elephant herd, apparently attracted by the odor of the smoke, appeared, trumpeted loudly to its companions and soon a band of dusky four-footed firemen were squirting streams of water on the blaze from their hose-like trunks. A stream near the road furnished the supply. The wondering natives, who had gone to a house a short distance away, watched the herd put out the fire and then drag the tree into the middle of the road.

Changing a Mule's Mind
Gen. William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, used to tell a story of a man in South Africa who was exceedingly successful in dealing with mule teams. Asked how he managed these stubborn creatures, he said:

"Well, when they stop and won't go on, I just pick up a handful of gravel or soil, put it to their mouths and let them taste it. Of course they spit it out again; but as a rule they begin to go on."

"Why do you think it has that effect on them?" persisted his questioner.

"Well, I don't know," was the reply. "but I expect it changes the current of their thoughts!"

The man who believes everything usually ends up by believing nothing.

An' what champagne is left, the waiters splits with me. An' if they don't they d—n soon gets relieved off the detail."

"Is that steak I see there?" asked Darcy.

"That's for tonight," said the cook. "Steak an' French fries. We eats light of a Sunday night."

Eadie shifted his weight from one sore foot to the other and looked at the steaks hung in the shade, with some big leaves over them to keep the flies off. Roast duck, champagne chestnuts, steaks! He knew now what it meant to water at the mouth. He could have wept. He tried to think when he and Darcy had eaten last at Saint Dizier, at Condrecourt? No, at Ligny. At Ligny, the afternoon of the day before, they had stolen a can of hash from the compartment of a passing troop train. Eadie looked at the field range, the wood, and the ax beside it.

"How come you have to split wood this time of day?" he asked.

"Well," said the cook, "some Brit-fishers and Frogs come over to call sometimes of a Sunday afternoon and the officers here serves 'em a drop of tea. I get a little extra for makin' it an' fixin' up toast an' stuff."

"We haven't had a thing to eat," began Eadie. "Since yesterday afternoon. We were wondering what the chances might be on a little handout."

"Well," said the cook. He leaned forward, elbows on knees. "Hmmm," said he. His eye wandered to the wood and the ax, and then back to Eadie and Darcy. Again Eadie regarded the wood. He also looked with a bold full glance at those thick red steaks, ready for the frying, peeping coyly from under their green leaves.

"If you'd like to give us a bite," said Eadie, "we wouldn't mind chopping a little wood for you."

"Good," said the cook heartily. "that's fine. Sure, I'll give you fellars a feed. I wouldn't never turn no man away hungry, not if I had to give him my rations myself. There's the wood, grab the ax and turn to."

Eadie and Darcy took turns at the wood. It was tough, green stuff, and the ax was none too sharp. Eadie chopped until his back ached and he could no longer see from the sweat running into his eyes and then Darcy took hold.

"Well, cook, what do you say?" asked Eadie after a while. "How much wood do you want? Isn't that enough?"

The cook rolled a red eye at the pile of chopped wood. "Oh, no," said he, "why, that wouldn't boil a cup o' water. I've got to have more than that."

"You're crazier'n h—l," panted Darcy. "Why, there's enough wood there to bake bread for a battalion!"

"Now, there ain't," said the cook. "Why, I cut more than that myself!"

"We're just out of hospital," said Eadie, "and wood cuttin' isn't in our line. What do you have to do to make tea but boil a little water?"

"I gotta cook supper, too," said the cook. "an' all that steak to fry. Go on, there's two of yuh. Cut us a little more wood an' I'll give yuh a nice feed."

Eadie took the ax from Darcy and went at the wood again. When his hands felt as though they had been fried and he could see the white heads of blisters beginning to show, he handed the ax to Darcy. Every muscle in his back ached and his head swam from the heat, but he thought of the steaks about to be fried and decided it was worth it. He needed something to bolster his courage and there was nothing like a steak to give a man heart.

"Whaddyuh say?" called Darcy, breathing heavily. "That enough?"

Eadie drew back his hand and buried the can of salmon with all his might into the cook's chest. "Take your d—d goldfish!" said he. The cook staggered back a step and Darcy, leaping past Eadie, planted his fist on the cook's jaw. The cook went down with a thud. It is not considered the act of a gentleman to hit a man when he is down, much less kick him, yet it was Sergeant Eadie's foot that thumped against the prostrate cook's ribs. It was Darcy, however, who mounted upon the cook's frame and did a little double-time thereon with his hobnails. The cook began to bellow.

"Give me that goldfish, Darcy," said Eadie calmly. He reached out and took the can and as the cook struggled to his feet, calmly knocked him down again. "It's Sunday," said the sergeant, "and there aren't many people around. Hold his hands, Darcy."

Eadie thereupon sat astride the cook's chest and while Darcy held the other's hands Eadie gagged the cook with a few handfuls of goldfish, and then proceeded to rub the rest of the contents of the can into the cook's hair, eyes and ears. This was quite painful, for army goldfish was full of bones, quite sharp and strong. The cook writhed. He made gurgling sounds. Though he had been taken by surprise, he was no weakling and he succeeded in wrenching his hands free from Darcy at last.

"Let's be going," said the sergeant. Eadie realized that he and Darcy were weak from hospital and that their strength was furthermore undermined by lack of food so that once the cook got free he might make a interesting for them. The cook got to his feet, and wheezing and choking, coughed goldfish from his throat and dug it out of his eyes and ears. At last he could see and speak. A prolonged howl for help was his first act. Then he made for the table and seized a cleaver. Again he yelled and looked about for his antagonists. They had disappeared.

"Sons o' —," gasped the cook. "They can't get outta town." He started for the house at the end of the court at a staggering run.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Marrying in Missouri

As a result of an incident at a recent marriage performed by him, a justice of the peace in Missouri has posted the following sign in his office: "Brides must not kiss the Justice of the Peace."—Kansas City Star.

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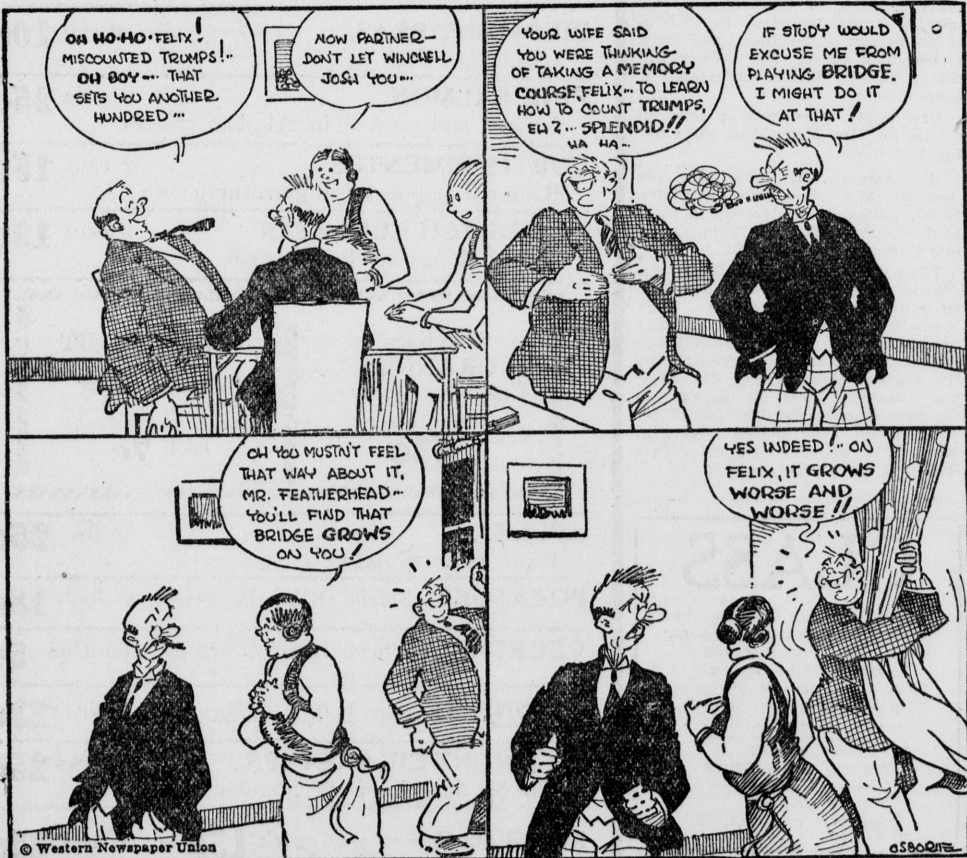
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THE KITCHEN CABINET

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When happiness can be manufactured so cheaply and sell so high, and is always wanted in the market, it seems a pity that more of us do not set up in the business.—W. C. Gannet.

A VARIETY OF MEATS

For those of us who have not yet cultivated a taste for sweetened meats, the following dish may not appeal, when read; but try it. It is very tasty: **Belgian Hash.**—Take one-half cupful of prunes, one-half cupful of dried currants, one-half cupful of sugar, one-half a grated nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste, three-fourths of a cupful of vinegar and one-fourth cupful of water. Cook two pig's feet after chopping in the above mixture until the liquid is all absorbed.

Hot Tamales.—Take two pounds of lean beef or chicken cooked and cooled, then chopped fine; one pint of chili peppers, seeded and parboiled; the water changed during the cooking; sift the peppers through a sieve, add one clove of garlic chopped, and salt to taste. Scald well a pint of corn meal in the beef or chicken broth, then spread on corn husks 2 by 4 inches. Roll up, making three turns, fold in the ends carefully and tie securely. Steam two hours.

Meat Loaf.—Take one pound of meat from the round and three-quarters of a pound of fresh pork chops; add two eggs, one cupful of bread crumbs, one cupful of stewed tomato, one teaspoonful of minced parsley, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt and pepper to taste. Stir and mix well, roll into a loaf and bake one hour. Strips of salt pork may be placed on top if desired.

Veal Loaf.—Take two pounds of veal and one-half pound of fresh pork, both chopped; one cupful of bread crumbs, one-quarter cupful of milk, the juice of a lemon and a teaspoonful of the rind, one-fourth teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, pepper to taste, two eggs, a few dashes of cayenne and one-half can of mushrooms. Mix well and pour the liquor from the mushrooms over the loaf, bake often, baking two hours. The sauce to serve with the roast is made from the gravy, adding more of the mushroom liquor.

Stuffed Steak.—Chop a pound of round steak, season well, add an egg. Prepare a seasoned bread stuffing. Grease gem pans and put in a layer of meat, then one of the stuffing and cover with another layer of meat. Bake in a hot oven until well done. Serve on a hot platter garnished with parsley.

The Important Dessert.

Most people feel that a dinner without dessert is unfinished and unsatisfactory. A simple sweet, even a dish of raisins and nuts is often all that is needed to make a good ending to a meal. A dessert should be appropriate to the meal with which it is served; that is, a light meal may have a hearty, rich dessert; a heavy meal is best with a light one. A dessert is valued for its decorative effect as well as its food value.

For a decorative as well as nourishing dessert the following will be enjoyed:

Blushing Apples.—Take even-sized juicy apples which will keep their shape when cooked. Core and peel them and put on to cook with a very little water, cook until tender, adding fruit drops of red coloring or a teaspoonful of red cinnamon candies to give color. Sweeten and chill. Serve decorated with halved almonds, and heap a spoonful of whipped cream on each.

Apple Snow.—Peel and cut into quarters about four apples. Cover with boiling water and cook slowly until the water is evaporated and apples tender. Cool, put through a vegetable sieve. Add powdered sugar to taste and fold in as much whipped cream as you have apple pulp. Chill and serve.

Date Pudding.—Boil together ten minutes two cupfuls of water, three-fourths of a cupful of brown sugar and three tablespoonfuls of corn starch. Add one cupful of sliced dates. Mold in sherbet cups. Garnish when turned out with whipped cream and chopped nuts, or bits of cherry and dates.

Jellied Prunes.—Stew one-half pound of large prunes after soaking well in water. Drain and cut into squares. Prepare a dish of lemon gelatin, using any kind at hand; when partly thick add the prunes. Pour into a mold and set away to become firm. Serve with sugar and whipped cream.

Apricot Ice.—Take two cupfuls of canned fresh or dried fruit. If fresh put through a sieve; if dried cook until smooth then put through a sieve; add sugar to sweeten, one-half cupful of lemon juice and the stiffly beaten whites of two eggs, the water in which the fruit was soaked, or the canned juice. Mix all but the egg whites and freeze; when partly frozen add the egg whites and finish freezing.

Nellie Maxwell

Have Kidneys Examined By Your Doctor

Take Salts to Wash Kidneys if Back Pains You or Bladder Bothers

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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Personal Comment

by Mrs. G. E. Tower

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. John Laddish of Berkeley spent Monday with her sister Mrs. H. C. Roland.

Mr and Mrs Forest Bishop are moving to Centerville this week. They will live in the J. Fitting home.

The cold snap which has prevailed over California for the past few days has been in evidence here since Sunday. The mercury has hovered around 32 degrees several nights.

The Pig & Chicken, located at the end of the street car line at Hayward has recently been sold. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, the proprietors are giving special attention to family dinner parties and "after the show" dinners

BOY SCOUTS

At the Boy Scouts Court of Honor held Tuesday evening at Judge Norris' office, Frank Ferry of Niles was awarded a merit badge in handicraft. District scoutmaster Henry Hopkins of Hayward was present at the meeting.

Tonight the Irvington Boy Scouts basketball team will play Niles Boy Scout team in Maple Hall. After the game is over the visiting team will be feted in the church parlor of the community church.

WANT ADS

LOST

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IRVINGTON

Mrs. Cunningham is slowly recovering from a slight stroke which came upon her in her home in Irvington.

The ladies of Irvington church are giving a food sale on Saturday for the benefit of the Community church.

The Irvington Scouts received a new tenderfoot at their last meeting in the person of James Harlan.

Rev. James M'Elhinney of Centerville will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. R. Stevenson of Irvington on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Robert Thompson of Turloch, visited the parents of Mrs. Thompson last week end. Mrs. R. Thompson was Frances Foster of Irvington.

DECOTO

Mr and Mrs Tony Costa are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. Elsie Luna and Miss Breiner spent Monday in Oakland

The packing companies are now at the peak of shipping cauliflower. An average of eight car loads are being shipped each day.

On Sunday Mr and Mrs C. Silva, and Mr and Mrs Clondeane motored across Dumbarton Bridge and spent the day in San Francisco.

On January 16, Mr and Mrs Henry May entertained Mr and Mrs Olsen, Mr and Mrs Searles, Mrs S. E. K. Anderson, Miss Christiana Anderson, Mr and Mrs August May of Alvarado, Mr and Mrs Kennedy of Hayward, Mrs McNulty, Ray McNulty, Mr and Mrs Peacock of Decoto, Robert Lowry, Mr and Mrs Biddle of Newark, Mrs Sturcke of Oakland, Mr and Mrs Scribner of Pleasanton. Cards were played after dinner.

Mr Lawrence Silva's car was in a big smash up last week. The driver escaped uninjured.

During this week the creek road is being surveyed by the county surveyor's. Bids for paving the road will be held in April. This will make three highways for Decoto.

On Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor discussed plans for the coming year. The program committee will meet on Sunday afternoon to adopt some new plans. All the other committees will attend this meeting. This Sunday, Rev. John R. Stevenson of Irvington will show stereopticon slides. The society will try to have a different program for each meeting.

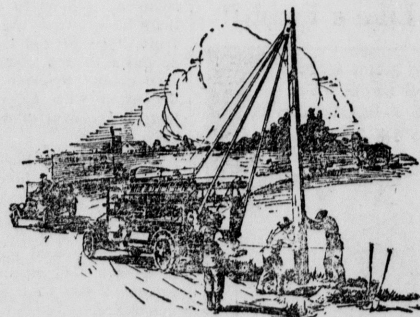
Mrs. Chas. Blose gave a farewell dinner for Mrs. Mary Mills one evening last week.

Mrs. Amaral, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Joe Andrade, Mrs. Elsie Luna, and Mrs. Blose, visited the University of Stanford on Wednesday. They spent much time in the museum.

Thursday night the Christian Endeavor and the Mothers' club tendered a farewell party for Mrs. Mary Neale-Mills, who will leave Saturday for Chicago. At 6:30 a delicious chicken dinner that was prepared by the Mothers club, was served. After the delightful meal all partook in the games under the direction of Orville Blose. The guests presented Mrs. Mills with a California Year Book and California products.

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